

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear and
dangerous abuse of
its control of so
many television
stations.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. By showing
this extremely
partisan, non-news
(certainly
non-newsworthy)
show, it is abusing
the parameters of
its license, issued
for the public's
benefit. When large
companies control
the airwaves,
contribute to
partisan campaigns,
we get more of
what's good for the
bottom line and less
of what we need for
our democracy. We
need less
partisanship
television "news"
and more bi-partisan
reporting.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Public
hearings, open to
all of the public
need to be held.
Thank you.